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Arms and Explosives

Number of licences granted in Cuddapah district from 1910—20.

* 359 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of licences granted under the Arms Act in the Cuddapah district in the last decade (1910—20) and subsequently till 1928; and

(b) the reasons for the decrease, if any?

A.—(a) The number is as shown below:—

Year.	Number of licences in force.	Year.	Number of licences in force.
1910	2,710	1919	1,279
1911	1,337	1920	1,421
1912	1,292	1921	1,404
1913	1,267	1922	1,589
1914	1,224	1923	1,562
1915	1,230	1924	1,674
1916	1,285	1925	1,702
1917	1,211	1926	1,726
1918	1,271	1927	1,802

(b) The decrease in 1911 and 1912 was due partly to the transfer of Madanapalle and Vayalpad taluks to Chittoor district and partly to the cancellation in 1912 of many licences owing to a number of riots in which the licensees were concerned. The variations in other years do not seem to call for any special explanation.

European Education

Exemption of European and Anglo-Indian girls from payment of school fees.

* 360 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that he called for a list of poor girls studying in European and Anglo-Indian girls' schools in some of the districts and exempted them from payment of school-fees; and

(b) if so, what is the amount involved thereby?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) Does not arise

Labour

Intervention of Government in the settlement of the South Indian Railway strike.

* 361 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) why the Labour Commissioner did not do anything during the whole period of the Railway strike to settle the dispute and why he did not go even to Trichinopoly;